

REMARKS

In light of this amendment and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-13 are in this application.

In paragraph 2 of the present Final Office Action, claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Using Netscape 2* and Klemets (U.S. Patent No. 6,449,653).

Independent claim 1 is representative and recites in pertinent part:

“...reproducing information recorded on a rotatable recording medium, said recorded information representing audio programs, character information associated with said programs and also including one of (i) a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and (ii) an electronic mail address (e-mail);

...searching said...character information for...the one of (i) the URL used to obtain information associated with said programs and (ii) the electronic mail address (e-mail);

...displaying the URL or electronic mail address (email); and

...communicating with said URL or electronic mail address.”

(Independent claims 6 and 10 recite similar limitations).

During the telephone interview held on December 22, 2003 between the Examiner and Applicants' attorneys, for which the Examiner is thanked, claims 1, 6 and 10 were discussed and the Examiner agreed to more favorably consider these claims as amended herein (see Interview Summary, Paper No. 25).

The Netscape reference mentions at the third full paragraph of page 438 that Netscape includes an audio player application called TSPlay32. A user can run this player all by itself and choose to load and play an audio file from a disk; or, the user can tell the player to load a URL and it will connect to the Web and play a file directly from the URL site where the file is stored

without the aid of the browser. However, Netscape fails to disclose, for example, *searching a disk for character information associated with a URL or email address recorded thereon and that is used to obtain from the URL or email address further information about audio data recorded on the disk; displaying the URL or email address; and communicating with the URL or electronic mail address*. (See Figures 16-18 and pages 25-30 of the substitute specification of the present application).

Klemets, the other cited reference, discloses in Figure 9A, and at line 9 of col. 7 to line 58 of col. 8, a system comprising a networked computer 240 including a web browser 950. This system receives multimedia streams stored on CD or the like in other computers connected to the network. However, Klemets fails to disclose, for example, *searching a disk for character information associated with a URL or email address recorded thereon and that is used to obtain from the URL or email address further information about audio data recorded on the disk; displaying the URL or email address; and communicating with the URL or electronic mail address*. Instead, Klemets discloses that in the system of Fig. 9A, URL addresses are used merely for synchronizing HTML page flips with the video stream (lines 51-56 of col. 8). Thus, Klemets nowhere discloses that a URL or e-mail on a disk is displayed and used for communicating with, for example, a web site at which information about the audio data, such as information about the recorded performance or performer, is located.


Since neither Netscape nor Klemets as applied discloses the above-quoted limitations, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 6 and 10 are distinguishable from Netscape and Klemets, taken either alone or in combination. Claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11-13 depend from one of claims 1, 6 and 10 and are therefore also distinguishable from Netscape and Klemets, taken either alone or in combination, for at least the reasons previously described.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance; and
an early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

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